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Vigilance (C) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O.(Rt) No. 100/2026/VIG.

S. R. O. No. 548/2026

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 01st June, 2026

18th Idavam, 1201

11th Jyaishta, 1948.

WHEREAS, the Government of Kerala has established seven Courts of the Enquiry Commissioner and Special Judge in the State, for trial of offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988);

AND WHEREAS, usually, on receipt of a recommendation from the High Court nominating a Judge to any such court, the Government of Kerala would issue order appointing the Judge concerned as the Enquiry Commissioner and Special Judge and later issue a notification u/s. 3(1) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, notifying the



Enquiry Commissioner and Special Judge concerned as the Special Judge of the court concerned to try offences specified in the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 in respect of specified area of jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS, it is proposed to dispense with the existing procedure of issuing separate notification u/s. 3(1) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 in the personal name of the Judge every time a Judge is posted to a Special Court and instead to issue a general notification u/s. 3(1) of the said Act, conferring powers to the Special Judges appointed to the seven Courts of the Enquiry Commissioner and Special Judge in the State to conduct trial under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, in their respective official designation, specifying the territorial jurisdiction of each Court;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Kerala have decided to accept the said proposal so as to avoid the delay in issuing the notifications, every time a new Judge is appointed to these courts;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3(1) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and in supersession of Notification No. Vig-C3/198/2025-I/Vig dated 21st September, 2025 and published as S.R.O. No. 1116/2025 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 3438 dated 26th September, 2025, the Government of Kerala, hereby notifies that the Judges appointed hereafter to the Court of Enquiry Commissioner and Special Judge specified in column (2) of the table below are empowered to act as Special Judges, for the trial of offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, for the areas specified in the corresponding entries of column (3) thereof, on assuming charge thereof:

Sl. No. (1)	Designation of Judge (2)	Area of Jurisdiction (Revenue District(s)) (3)
1	Enquiry Commissioner and Special Judge, Thiruvananthapuram	Thiruvananthapuram
2	Enquiry Commissioner and Special Judge, Kollam	Kollam and Pathanamthitta
3	Enquiry Commissioner and Special Judge, Kottayam	Kottayam and Alappuzha
4	Enquiry Commissioner and Special Judge, Muvattupuzha	Ernakulam and Idukki
5	Enquiry Commissioner and Special Judge, Thrissur	Thrissur and Palakkad



6	Enquiry Commissioner and Special Judge, Kozhikode	Kozhikode and Malappuram
7	Enquiry Commissioner and Special Judge, Thalassery	Kasaragod, Wayanad and Kannur

By order of the Governor,

BISHWANATH SINHA,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

In light of the Judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in State by: *Central Bureau of Investigation vs. S. Bangarappa [MANU/SC/0706/2000]*, it is proposed to dispense with the existing procedure of issuing notification in the personal name of the Judges appointed to the Court of Enquiry Commissioner & Special Judge dealing with offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, and that the State Government may instead issue a single notification u/s. 3(1) of the said Act, referring to the designation of the Special Judges posted in the seven Courts of the Enquiry Commissioner & Special Judge (Vigilance) in the State, specifying territorial jurisdiction of each Court. This is to avoid the delay in issuing the notification every time a new Judge is appointed to the above courts and to confer immediate authority to the Special Judge appointed to a particular court meant for a specific area of jurisdiction.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

